



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

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**Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board  
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council  
January 14, 2013**

**Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on January 14, 2013 at the Safford Public Library, 808 S. 7th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Members Present in person:

Pam Patt, Ryan Henry, JoAnn Morales, Donna McGaughey, Susan Norton, Ann Johnson, Dena Barentine, Stacy Morris, Laurie Smith, and Richard Keith

Members Absent: Jan Elliott

First Things First Staff Present:

Shari Elkins, Graham/Greenlee Regional Director; Lacie Crandell, Graham/Greenlee Administrative Assistant; Paulette LeBlanc, Outreach Consultant; Cindi Alva, Central East Senior Director; Maria Soto, Fiscal Specialist (telephonically)

Public: Alexis Hansen, DES; Allison Krutsinger, Quality First Coach

**Call to the Public**

None

**Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Chair Smith called for any declarations of potential conflicts of interest regarding items on the agenda. Dena Barentine declared her conflict for agenda item #5 in regards to Home Visitation and Ann Johnson declared her conflict for agenda item #5 in regards to Food Security.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2012 Regular Meeting was made by Vice Chair Morales, seconded by Member Norton. Motion carried.

**Strategy Funding Mechanisms for SFY 2014**

**Food Security**

- I. Member Johnson declared her Conflict of Interest due to her former volunteer position with the grantee within the past year. Member Johnson recused herself from discussion and voting on this agenda item.

Member Henry made the motion to approve the funding mechanism as RFGA for the Food Security Strategy for SFY 2014. Member McGaughey seconded it. Motion carried.

#### Home Visitation

- I. Member Barentine declared her Conflict of Interest due to her employment with an agency that could potentially apply for the home visitation strategy grant. Member Barentine recused herself from discussion and voting on this agenda item.

Member McGaughey made the motion to approve the funding mechanism as renewal for the Home Visitation Strategy for SFY 2014. Member Morris seconded it. Motion carried.

#### Parent Outreach and Awareness

Member Johnson made the motion to approve the funding mechanism as renewal for the Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy for SFY 2014. Member Morales seconded it. Motion carried.

#### Oral Health

Member Keith made the motion to approve the funding mechanism as renewal of the Oral Health Strategy for SFY 2014. Member Johnson seconded it. Motion carried.

#### **FTF System Building and Data Dashboard**

Senior Director Alva and Regional Director Elkins lead a discussion about the upcoming regional specific data dashboard for the First Things First website. Council members engaged in a discussion presenting ideas that they felt were important to the region. Some of these ideas included: Quality First information with the number of enrolled centers in the region, TEACH, Reward\$ and scholarships, staff qualifications in child care centers, where are the poverty levels the highest, where are the 0-5 age children located, add links to information, show assessment of data from the Literacy Project, a link to show viewers how they can get involved with First Things First, use census data for target groups, show openings for therapists, use private preschools as an information vehicle, and utilize outreach data.

#### **Outreach Update**

Paulette LeBlanc presented her outreach plan for fiscal year 2013 and stated that her duties were to focus more on writing articles and getting published in local media.

Member Patt made the motion to approve the outreach plan presented by Paulette LeBlanc for SFY2013. Member Henry seconded it. Motion carried.

Ms. LeBlanc updated the council on the upcoming diaper drive that will take place from February 1<sup>st</sup> through February 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Director's Report**

Director Elkins informed the council that she would be presenting the funding plan on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January and that the regional council presentations to board members would take place in Globe on February 27<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged all members to participate if possible and stated that the council could

go over a possible outline at the next meeting in February. Director Elkins reminded the council that CEO Rhian Allvin would be visiting on March 11, 2013. She concluded with presenting the Quarter 1 official data.

**General Discussion**

Council members were reminded to complete their public service orientation as soon as possible.

**Next Meeting Date, Time and Location**

The next regular meeting will be held on February 11, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Member Patt, and seconded by Member McGaughey. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**Shari Elkins,  
Graham/Greenlee Regional Director**

**Approved:**

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**Laurie Smith,  
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Chair**